

**Amendment After Allowance under 37 CFR 1.312**

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application, with the only change being the addition of previously canceled claims 4 and 5 as new claims 7 and 8:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (Allowed):** An epoxy resin composition comprising:

an epoxy resin; and

a curing agent which includes an aromatic polyester having a structure wherein an aromatic hydrocarbon group (a1) having a bonding site in an aromatic nucleus derived from a polyhydric phenol and another aromatic hydrocarbon group (a2) having a bonding site in an aromatic nucleus derived from a polyvalent carboxylic acid are bonded via an ester bond (b), and an aryloxy carbonyl group (c) is the terminal of said polyester, and having an inherent viscosity within a range of 0.02 to 0.42 dL/g.

**Claim 2 (Canceled).**

**Claim 3 (Allowed):** The epoxy resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic hydrocarbon group (a1) or the aromatic hydrocarbon group (a2) is a polyvalent hydrocarbon

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group having a structure in which a benzene ring is bonded to another benzene ring via a condensed polyalicyclic hydrocarbon.

**Claims 4-5 (Canceled).**

**Claim 6 (Allowed):** The epoxy resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the epoxy resin is a polyglycidyl ether of a phenol resin having a structure in which a phenol is bonded to another phenol via a condensed polyalicyclic hydrocarbon.

**Claim 7 (New):** The epoxy resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic hydrocarbon group (a1) or the aromatic hydrocarbon group (a2) is a bivalent hydrocarbon group having a naphthalene structure.

**Claim 8 (New):** The epoxy resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic hydrocarbon group (a1) or the aromatic hydrocarbon group (a2) is a bivalent hydrocarbon group having a dibenzopyran structure.